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STATE USE INDUSTRIES IS NOW MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES

***Self-supporting prison industry arm trains inmates, provides
quality products, and pumps millions into state general fund***

***Recidivism rate for inmate workers is 24%
compared to 51% for all inmates statewide***

TOWSON, MD (October 19, 2005)---One of the nation's most successful prison industry agencies has a new name. State Use Industries is now **Maryland Correctional Enterprises**. The change, effective October first, clarifies that the self-supporting unit has many customers other than state government agencies. By law, MCE's customers may include non-profits, federal, state, and local governments, and publicly funded entities.

In fiscal year '05, the former State Use Industries had revenues of just under \$40 million, profits of \$2 million, and a record 1,530 inmate workers. Since June 2002, the division has transferred \$8 million to the state's General Fund. In addition, for the next four years, MCE will transfer a total of \$4 million to the Maryland State Department of Education, which will fund correctional education programs.

Overseen by a Management Council as well as a Customer Council, MCE's products include furniture, meats, signs, textiles, and uniforms. And yes, inmates do still make license plates. The MCE plants are located at 10 correctional facilities from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore.

"We're an efficient business and our customers can expect top-rate products at reasonable prices," says Steve Shiloh, MCE's Chief Executive Officer. "And the job skills we provide for inmates are absolutely invaluable."

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**MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES AT A GLANCE
(FY '05)**

PLANTS AND SERVICE CENTERS: 31
LOCATIONS: Cumberland, Hagerstown, Sykesville,
Jessup, Westover

INMATES EMPLOYED: 1,530

**3rd-YEAR RECIDIVISM RATE
FOR INMATES WITH
AT LEAST ONE YEAR WORKING:** 24%
(statewide average for all inmates is 51%)

REVENUE: \$39.86 million

NET OPERATING PROFIT: \$2 million

MISSION: *To provide structured employment and training for offenders to improve their employability upon release; to reduce prison idleness; to produce quality goods and services; and to be a financially self-supporting unit of the Division of Correction.*

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